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Sent: Friday, February 01, 2013 7:07 AM
To: Sark, Jill
Subject: FW: Insure Montana Legislative hearings - Update

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From: Rick Prigge [mailto:rick@priggeotten.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 5:17 PM
To: InsureMT Conference Room
Subject: Re: Insure Montana Legislative hearings - Update

Please submit this written testimony to the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee regarding the Insure Montana Program: Our small CPA firm would not be able to continue our group health insurance coverage for our employees without the assistance of the Insure Montana Program.

Of course, this would be devastating to our employees and their families. We believe that the Insure Montana Program is an invaluable source of funding for small businesses to provide health insurance coverage for their employees. It definitely provides a strong incentive for all small business owners to provide health insurance protection. With the never ending rising costs of health insurance, we believe that the Insure Montana Program is critical to small business owners being able to afford health insurance coverage in the future. It has been a God-send for us and we hope that the Program will continue until such time that health insurance costs become more affordable. Sincerely, Prigge & Otten, CPAs, PC. By: Richard L Prigge, President.

On Thu, Jan 31, 2013 at 4:06 PM, <insuremt@mt.gov> wrote:

- > The Commissioner of Securities & Insurance (State Auditor's Office)
- > budget hearing was held on Tuesday, January 29th at the State Capitol.
- > A big thank you to the seven business owners who attended and gave compelling testimony!
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- > Montana Public Radio's Jackie Yamanaka reported on the Insure Montana
- > funding issue, including some of the testimony from business owners
- > and Commissioner Monica Lindeen. You can listen to the report here:
- > <http://www.montanapublicmedia.org/2013/01/small-business-owners-appeal-for-funding-of-insure-montana-program/>.
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- > At this time, the General Government Joint Appropriations Subcommittee
- > is gathering more information and has not yet voted on the Insure
- > Montana budget. The Subcommittee also received written testimony from
- > over 100 businesses and employees. It is not too late to submit written testimony.
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- > If you would like to submit written testimony, please e-mail, fax, or
- > mail it to the Insure Montana program and we will present the
- > testimony on your behalf. We have heard a lot of positive feedback
- > from the messages you have left with your local Legislators and the
- > Governor's office. These messages supporting Insure Montana do make a
- > difference, so don't hesitate to contact your local elected officials.
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- > In addition to the Governor and your local Legislators, you may wish